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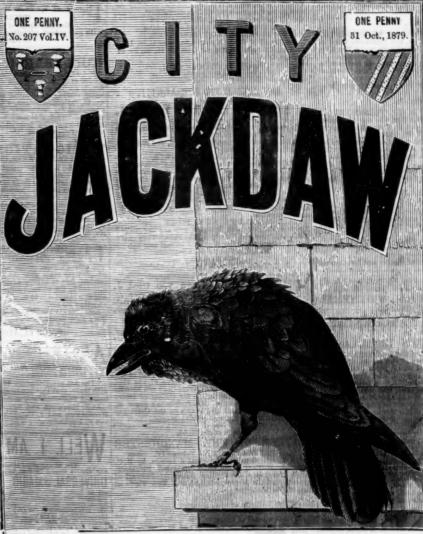
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AN ABRIDGMENT OF "GREGSON'S FRAGMENTS OF LANCASHIRE."

N the forfeiture of the Earl of Ferrers, and other barons, for their rebellion against the Grove in the Court the Third (1245), that monarch gave all the lands belonging to him, and also all those which belonged to Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, and to John de Monmouth, to his younger son, Edmund Plantagenet, who was surnamed Crouchback, who was born in the same year. In 1253, Pope Innocent the Fourth invested Edmund with the kingdom of Sicily and Apulia. Soon afterwards he was made Earl of Chester, and on the defeat of Simon de Montfort and his adherents at the battle of Evesham, he was appointed Earl of Leicester, October 25th, 1265. His father also gave him the castle of Derby, with all its appurtenances, and all goods and chattels of Robert, Earl of Ferrers; and he also granted him the custody of the castle of Kaermerden and Cardigan, and the Isle of Lundy. Thinking this not sufficient, he conferred upon him the castle of Sherborne, in Dorsetshire; the castle of Kenilworth, in Warwickshire, with all lands thereto belonging, and by letters patent dated at Lincoln, October 22nd, conveyed to him and his lawful heirs in full sovereignty, the Honor, Earldom, castle, and town of Lancaster, to which, by forfeiture of the Earl of Ferrers, the Honor of Tutbury was also annexed. (The Earls of Ferrers, who came over with the Conquerer, had been lords of Tutbury from that time, viz., almost exactly two hundred years.) Edmund Crouchback likewise obtained the cow-pastures and forests of Wiersdale, Lownesdale, and Newcastle-under-Lyne, with the manor, forest, and castle of Pickering; the manor of Scaleby, the village of Gomecester (Godmanchester), and the rents of the town of Huntingdon. His first wife was the daughter and heiress of the Earl of Albemarle, and his second wife was Blanch of Artois, of the royal family of France. He also possessed all the lands which Simon de Montfort held of the barony of John le Viscount in the county of Northumberland, and likewise held the stewardship of England. To these immense possessions must be added the rich inheritance of Aveline, daughter of William, Earl of Albemarle. The King gave him the discharge of a debt due to the Crown of £1767. 4s. 5d., which was owing by John de Monmouth, and for which the castle and Honor of Monmouth was liable. Earl Edmund went to the Holy Land, but returned in his father's lifetime, in 1272. In the 3rd year of Edward the First (1275) he had a grant of Chartley Castle in Staffordshire. In the 7th year of Edward the First he had a grant from the King of Wirksworth and Esburn, with the wapentake of Wirksworth in fee, to hold by service of two knights' fees, in exchange for the castles of Kaermerden and Cardigan, and the same year he obtained the title of Earl of Champaigne. In that year he was also in the expedition to Scotland. In 1284 he procured from his mother, Queen Eleanor, the houses, garden, place, and rents purchased by her from the provosts and canons of Montjoy in the suburbs of London, lately belonging to and built by Peter de Savoy, who was her uncle; and in the 15th year of Edward the First he obtained a grant of divers liberties as Earl of Chester, also free chase in the chase of Wisely and Wimberghoft, with a further confirmation of the Honour of Monmouth, with the castles of Grosmond, Skenfreith, and Blanch, and all his other lands. In 1292-3 he had a grant to make his house into a castle, which he called the Savoy, and which was situated in the parish of Saint Clement Danes in Middlesex. He founded an abbey for the nuns of the order of Santa Clara, in the Minories at London. Edmund Crouchback was the chief butler of the Grey Friars' house at Amounderness, Lancashire. He went to France with the Earl

of Lincoln and laid siege to Bordeaux, but after a few skirmishes there he proceeded to Langdon, where he fell sick and died in 1296. He ordered that his body should not be buried until all his debts were paid. His body was afterwards carried to London and buried in Westminster Abbey.

The vast possessions of Edmund Crouchback laid the foundation of the future greatness of the House of Lancaster, the power and influence of which advanced to such an extent in the person of the next earl, by the acquisition of the Lacy estates, as to completely overawe the throne, and to enable Henry Bolingbroke, in after years, to become too powerful for a subject, and to depose King Richard the Second, and mount the throne of England. To Earl Edmund's almost unlimited possessions is, therefore, to be ascribed the origin of those great contentions for the succession between the Houses of York and Lancaster, called the Wars of the Roses, in which so many battles of the most sanguinary nature were fought, and so many of the nobles and barons of the succeeding ages lost their lives, with almost an incalculable number of English subjects.

Earl Edmund had three sons and a daughter by his second wife, Blanch, daughter of Robert of Artois, third son of Louis the Eighth of France and widow of Henry, King of Navarre, Earl of Champaigne and Bry. His two elder sons, Thomas and Henry, both succeeded to his earldom, and his youngest son, John, died without issue, in France. His daughter became possessed of Duffield and vast estates in Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Northamptonshire, and Leicestershire, viz.: the manors of Tripton and Duffield, the manor of Hertindon with Crowdecote, the whole forest of Duffield and all the members of the manors there, the advowson of the church of Duffield, the manor of Raundes and its members in the county of Northampton, the advowson of the churches of Wolnaston and Tantal in Staffordshire, and Thorpe Edmere in Leicestershire. The arms of Earl Edmund Crouchback were-gules, 3 lions; pass. guard. or, over all a label of France of five points. Achievements, by his first wife (Albemarle), arg., a chief gules; by his second wife (Artois), azure, 3 fleurs-de-lis, or, in 2 and 1, being the arms of France.

Thomas Plantagenet, eldest son of Edmund Crouchback, succeeded his father as Earl of Lancaster, Leicester, and Derby, and, in right of his wife, Alice, daughter of Earl Henry Lacy, was also Earl of Lincoln. Earl Henry Lacy had surrendered all his lands into the hands of the King (A.D. 1294), but he had them restored for his life, and for the purpose of afterwards settling them on his daughter, Alice, who at nine years of age was betrothed to Earl Thomas of Lancaster. These lands were twentyfive manors in Yorkshire, eighteen in Lancashire, one in Leicestershire, and twelve in Northamptonshire, besides his own immediate estates, for upon his father's death he was considered of full age, and had the living of all his lands given him on doing homage, 26th Edward the First (1297-8).

Earl Henry Lacy died February 5th, 1810, aged 60 years, and upon his deathbed he charged his son-in-law, Earl Thomas, to maintain to the utmost his quarrel with Piers de Gaveston, the great favourite of Edward the Second. The Earl of Warwick, joining the Earl of Lancaster, they took Piers de Gaveston and caused him to be put to death (June 29th, 1312). A great breach was thus created between the King and the Earl of Lancaster, which at length terminated in open rebellion.

Notwithstanding the many royal favours he had received previously, in the first year of King Edward the Second (1307-8), Earl Thomas had a grant of the Earldom of Leicester and the Seneschalcy, with the same powers Simon de Montfort had formerly enjoyed. After the death of his father-in-law, Earl Henry Lacy, in 1312, he had the living of the castle of Denbigh, and all the other lands of his inheritance. In the 9th year of Edward the Second (1315-16), he obtained license to make a castle of his house at Dunstanburgh, in Northumberland, and to establish free warren, markets, and fairs over all his extensive estates. These great privileges

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and powers are stated in the Rotulorum Chartarum. Earl Thomas gave to the monks of Whalley, Toxteth Park, and various other places. He was almost idolised by the monks. He was the eleventh baron of Halton in right of his wife.

(To be continued.)

SKETCHES BY JINGO.

XVI.-HE WOULD A-WOOING GO.

T was winter, and we gathered around the fire in the parlour of the "Dancing Demon," enjoying that sweet repose which is such a glorious attribute of that individual known as the honest working man, who, after the day's toil is ended, can sit smoking the pipe of contentment by the warm fireside. That night we had assembled in solemn conclave to take into consideration the best means to be adopted for the punishment of a certain gay Lothario of the village who had had the audacity to blight the hopes of one of our number by beguiling from him the affection of his lady-love, by name Anne Maria Jemima Jane, and who was employed as general servant in the small establishment of J. Binks, Esq., of "The Willows," Trotter's Road, E. Beau Sweetman, for such was the name our intended victim was known by in the village, boasted that he was the most fascinating lady-killer for miles around, and it was no uncommon thing to see him parading through the village with a girl on either arm, a self-satisfied grin stretching across his countenance which seemed to say: "See how happy I am, ye village clowns!" We had, at various times, played several harmless tricks upon our innocent victim; oftener still we had set traps of all descriptions at stated periods, but none of them had proved sufficient to cause him to leave our girls alone. If truth must be told, we rather looked upon the girls of our parish as our own property, and had destined them to reign over our future home when we should do them the inestimable honour (?) of asking them to be our life-long partners. No matter what Miss Lydia Becker, or any of those strong-minded ladies who so energetically advocate "Women's Rights" (whatever they may be) say, we lords of creation confer on the ladies whom we seek in marriage, an honour which, I am sorry to say, they don't always fully appreciate. We men, as is well known, give up our liberty, to a certain extent; we forsake our boon companions for the sake of our wives, and if women give up a loving mother and sisters, who weep over her as she bids them a lingering farewell, for an uncertain future to be spent in the perpetual society of one whose protestations of love are his only guarantees, and who will, one day, come to regard her loving attentions as a matter of course, can this be compared to the loss of freedom of action a man sustains by marriage, when, instead of walking through life with nothing to trouble him beyond his little love affairs, et cetera, he is forced to nurse fractious babies, to become learned in the mysteries of "teething," and to meekly endure the agony of having the hair pulled in handfuls from the tenderest part of his temples by two small chubby hands which belong to the tyrant-baby? I pause for a reply. To return. One of our village, as I have said, had been most cruelly jilted by the perfidious servant-girl. To his grief he knew that, in the words of Shakspere-slightly altered-

"Women are deceivers ever, In one thing, constant never."

To-night, as I have said, we were determined to punish the Beau in a manner he little dreamed of, and which should be the means of proving to him how dangerous is "the green-eyed monster" when thoroughly aroused from its slumbers. Some of the boys were for decoying the Beau to a well-known pond in the neighbourood, and giving him, when there, a good ducking; others were for tarring him, and so on. After some animated discussion it was decided to write the following letter to the Beau, purporting to come from the servant girl, and requesting the Beau to meet her at a certain place therein named:—

"Dear Beau,—I write these few lines to you hoppin you are in good health, as it leaves me at present—thank heaven! Will you please be at the —— Bridge at eight o'clock to-night, as I have summat perticular to say to you, dear Beau. Be dressed in black cloth, a tall hat, and an ivory-handled walking-stick, which you must twirl three times as you pass from end to end of the —— Bridge. So no more at present, from your loving—

"Anne Maria Jemima Jane Smogoles.

"N.B .- Don't fail me, or I shall break my poor heart."

Quite a round of applause greeted the concection of the epistle, and it

was with feelings of pride and gratification that we addressed and posted it to our unsuspecting victim, who would receive it early next morning. Billy Bincks, the discarded lover, grinned maliciously as he fondly dwelt upon the fan in store for the following night, and he smiled complacently as he contemplated the discomfiture of the faithless Jemima who had ignored his honest love for the deceitful vows and protestations of Beau Sweetman. The next night we repaired stealthily to the place where we knew that Beau Sweetman would be awaiting the arrival of Jemima Jane. There he was, to be sure, hat and all complete, and the ivory-handled stick gently twirling in the night air as he paced to and fro the whole length of the bridge, to the evident wonder of a small crowd of ragged urchins, who appeared to derive amusement from the rather unusual appearance of a dandy strutting majestically backwards and forwards. An hour passed, and still Jemima came not. "Dash'd funny," muttered the Beau, as he gazed for at least the twentieth time in the direction in which the girl should have come. "She told me in her letter," continued the now rather impatient Beau, "to be here punctually at eight o'clock, and here have I been a perambulating this ere bridge like a fool for upwards of an hour and a half," consulting, as he spoke, a cheap watch which he slowly produced from the pocket of his seven-and-sixpenny waistcoat. He was in the act of replacing his watch in its resting place when a large sod, thrown by wicked Billy Bincks, hit the Beau a terrific blow on the top of his head, "Near the place where the wool ought to grow!

knocking his tall hat over his beetle brows, shutting out the precious light of day from his eyes, and damaging the general aspect of the poor deluded Beau. He swore dreadfully, and was upon the point of leaving the (to him) ill-fated place, if not a sadder yet a wiser man, when another lump of clayey sod, by some occult means not at present quite clear to the rather clouded faculties of the wretched Beau, fell with wonderful precision of aim between the pure white teeth of the unfortunate young man, who now gazed in every direction in the vain hope of seeing one or other of his relentless assailants. Suddenly a combination of fierce yells rent the air, and guess the rage of the Beau, when he was immediately surrounded by "our boys," who began to hustle him in a manner not quite compatible with his usual comfortable state of mind and body. To make matters worse some wickedly-disposed person began to raise a cry of "A thief! a thief! police! police!" and so terrified was the now half-demented Beau that, instead of standing his ground and indignantly refuting the false accusation as became an honest and a true-born Englishman, strengthened the supicions of the gathering crowd by turning tail and flying like a hunted deer along the country road which lead in the direction of his home. Such an uproar! Some took up the cry of "Stop thief." Billy Bincks shricking that the rascal had "a taken his girl away, and he would have revenge," &c. A new element of interest was added to the exciting scene by a couple of policemen joining in the man pursuit, until panting for breath, and utterly exhausted the Beau fell upon the ground, and so eager were the first two or three of the more advanced portion of the crowd to catch him, that when he unexpectedly fell they rolled over him, and almost pressed out the little remaining life left in their now defenceless victim. ended, the boys sneaked away, and left the Beau to get out of the clutches of his enemies as best he could. An explanation of matters took place between the Bean and the police, who, having had the palm of their right hand crossed by a little silver and gold in the good old gipsy fashion were inclined to forego the "case," which the local police would have undoubtedly got up against Beau Sweetman. Billy Bincks had his revenge, and so was happy. We boys of the "Demon" were content to see the honour of one of our number vindicated, and so were not in the humour to cavil at his joy. The Beau knew not for a considerable time who was the chief instigator of the outrage upon his sacred person. One of the boys told him, and then a splendid hand-to-hand encounter took place, the end being, as we had all foreseen, four black eyes, and blood flowing from a couple of damaged probosces. The following day, the Beau and Billy Bincks walked through the village with any amount of sticking plaister upon their very expressive countenances.

THE REASON WHY.

[FOR MR. J. W. W.-WITH THE "JACKDAW'S" COMPLIMENTS.]

E don't want to fight, for, by Jingo, if we do,
We all shall lose our seats, and our chance of good posts, too;
So we'll hold what we have got, and let the country go to pot,
'Fore the Rads. shall have the chance of altering our lot.

WOMEN ON SCHOOL BOARDS.

[FROM " MODERN THOUGHTS."]

HE School Board is the only public office of trust and importance to which women are elected (distinguishing election from appointment, for women have often been appointed by the Crown to offices of trust). When the Education Act was passed they were expressly invited to come forward. In the first London election two ladies were elected, one of them, Miss Garrett, having obtained more votes than any other candi-In the second election two other ladies came forward, Miss Cowell and Miss Chessar. In the third election four ladies were returned. This number (four women to forty-six men) is still felt to be insufficient to accomplish the many specially feminine duties falling to their share, and we are glad to hear that not only do these ladies intend to seek re-election, but that Chelsea, Lambeth, and Tower Hamlets are also likely to do themselves the honour of electing ladies. London is not the only city which has gladly welcomed women candidates. Manchester elected Miss Becker three times. Brighton retured Miss Ricketts at the head of the poll; Bath in 1870 elected two ladies. Birmingham, Huddersfield, Oxford, Exeter, all followed this example. In Scotland a very large number of ladies were elected, and in subsequent elections many other towns and small country districts have raised women to this position of trust. Nor has this confidence been misplaced. They have shown themselves fully the equals of men in their business capacity, and their superiors in philanthropic schemes. Mrs. Bucktan, in Leeds, organised a system of hygienic instruction by which poor women and girls have greatly benefited, and has introduced among other reforms flower culture exhibitions among the children. It was owing to Miss Chessar's efforts that swimming, a most useful physical exercise, was introduced into girls' schools. Other ladies have given their attention to the development of the Kindergarten system, others to the improvement of elementary needlework, others to practical instruction in cooking. The future artisan homes of England will be brighter, neater, and healthier for the indefatigable efforts of this devoted band of labourers.

THE DISSOLUTION.

ALWAYS speak with proper diffidence about Cabinet Councils, but I think there can be little doubt that at the meeting held yesterday the subject of an early dissolution was discussed. I arrive at this conclusion from a knowledge of the fact that Lord Salisbury returned from Manchester with a strong conviction that things are not nearly so bad as the conscience of Ministers and the reports of their agents in the country represent them to be. It is quite a new sensation for the Marquis of Salisbury to be raised on men's shoulders and carried through a tumultuous crowd. It is wickedly whispered that this striking episode of the Manchester meeting was, like everything else in connection with the demonstration, laboriously and carefully arranged. The men who were thus to hoist the petard of Toryism were selected on the special grounds of sobriety, respectability, and physical strength. The time at which they were to seize the Marquis, the place where the seizure was to take place, and the precise distance he was to be borne, were all arranged beforehand, just as when the cue is given for Le Roi Carotte to be borne off the stage he his lifted up and carried away to the inspiriting strains of the orchestral band.

Whether the Marquis of Salisbury was in the secret or not does not appear. It is probable that he knew nothing of it, and has but a vague knowledge of the enormous machinery put in force to bring together the great crowd that assembled at the Pomona Gardens last Saturday. To his ingenious mind it appeared a great multitude voluntarily drawn together to testify to their belief in Her Majesty's Ministers, and more particularly in their foreign policy. For a man of Lord Salisbury's cold and cynical temperament, he was really moved by the enthusiasm of the crowd. Its fervour temporarily froze the snow of his nature; and he honestly believes, with a surprised conviction, that the country really is as much with Lord Beaconsfield to-day as it was with Mr. Disraeli in 1874. Hence he would have the die cast forthwith, and the greatly-feared issue tried without further delay. He argues, not without apparent reason, that matters are not likely to be any better for the Ministry in the spring than they are at the present time. Cetewayo is a prisoner, the new revolt in Afghanistan has been stamped out, and the pending war with Burmah is as yet postponed. No one can say what a day may bring forth, and it is only too certain what the produce of the next few months will be. The

entry of British troops into Cabul is only the beginning of the fresh difficulties that will arise in connection with the settlement of the country; the end of the war in Zululand is only the beginning of troubles with the colonists at the Cape, who will certainly refuse to pay their score, and who are already fretfully discussing the arrangements of Sir Garnet Wolseley; King Theebaw will do something that will compel retribution; and, even at the end of five years' pursuit of a spirited foreign policy, there are several quarters of the world where an entirely new war may be arranged. Meanwhile the revenue returns continue to show a falling off, and no possible juggle will enable Sir Stafford Nothcote, in dealing with the Budget next spring, to avoid the necessity of fresh taxation.—Liverpool Argus London Letter, October 25th.

EDITORS.

HAT, must I always hear and not reply?

Must read the comment on the news I buy?

Must I be tutored, day, week, month, and year,
By Levy, Johnson, Yates, or Labouchere?

Or, when with ready, flippant, furtive pen

The World instructs its women, and its men,
Must I be patient with the tale it tells,
And gulp the fictions which it shreds and sells?

Must I be silent, when a friendly puff
Finds loftiest genius in the sorriest stuff?

Or must I, if I judge of fact or deed,
Abjure the Pope, and make the Times my creed?

Shall I endure, nor find out my redress,
The stilted nonsense of the London Press?

(Year after year the noisy mischief grows,
From dawn to dark its penny trumpet blows,
Scolds, threatens, flatters, hides or strains the facts,
Boldly defames, or secretly detracts;
And screaming out the passion of the hour
Deafens one's ears with fifty-donkey power.)

Shall I not visit with my angriest rhymes
The sharper and the bully of the times,
Wade deliy through the columns that he prints,
The lies he utters, and the lies he hints;
Nor warn, with all the skill I can employ,
The silly dottered from the smug decoy?

J. E. T. Rocens.

COST OF LIVING LESS THAN SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

[FROM "HOUSE AND HOME."]

WRITER in the Leisure Hour says that there is now a current notion among consumers that everything is dearer than it used to be, and this is made the excuse for spending at a higher rate, and for pleading that an income of £700 or £800 is required to maintain the same scale of living for which £500 formerly sufficed. No idea can be more unfounded. Bread is untaxed, and could be sold at a living profit to a man who earns 6s. a day at half the price formerly paid by his predecessor, who, for more skilled work, was paid 2s. 6d. Better tea is sold at 2s. than at the beginning of the century cost 7s. Coffee was 2s. 6d. that is excelled in quality by that at present price of 1s. 6d. Sanded sugar was 10d.; pure sugar is now 4d. Salt, that is now free, paid a duty of 20s. per bushel. The daily newspaper, about a fourth of the present size, and an eighth-if that can be measured-of the current quality, cost 7d., while each advertisement was taxed 2s. 6d. A better hat is now worn at 12s. than was formerly supplied at 25s. Literature, periodical and standard, once so expensive, is now so cheap that it costs less to buy a new copy of a book or pamphlet than to buy the old. The aged can remember when the Waverley Novel cost 31s. 6d., and was hired out to read at 1s. per volume for twelve hours. It is now retailed, with all the notes, at 3d. Let "the girl of the period" ask her grandmother what, sixty years ago, straw hats "came to." At a Queen's assembly, the bestdressed lady appeared in a cotton print that a hop-picker now would scorn to wear on Sunday. Leather was taxed, and we have the benefit of the remission in boots and shoes, of far better make, at a lower figure. All articles of clothing—even of ornament—are made greatly more accessible to every purse. Soap was taxed, bricks, tiles, slates, timber, glass. Wine is little more than half its former price. In fact, with the exception of beef, mutton, butter, and cheese, the whole cost of living is, cateris paribus-that is, in reference to the same necessary commodities-very much less in the year 1879 than it was in 1801.



TOWN HALL CARILLONS FOR ENSUING WEEK.

At 3, 6, 9, and 12 o'clock.

Friday, Oct. 31.-Hanover, or 104th Psalm.

Saturday, Nov. 1.—Rule Britannia.

Sunday, , 2.—Adeste Fidelis.

Monday, ... 3.—Auld Lang Syne

Monday, ,, 3.—Auld Lang Syne. Tuesday, ,, 4.—Drink to me only.

Wednesday, , 5.—Annie Laurie.

Thursday, ,, 6 .- The Banks of Allan Water.

CURRENT AMUSEMENTS.

Theatre Royal .- The Lancashire Witches.

Prince's Theatro .- Scandal, and Nell Gwynne.

Monday .- H.M.S. Pinafore.

Queen's Theatre.—The Black Flag.

Free Trade Hall .- Saturday and Monday .- Buxton Pavilion Orchestra.

Thursday .- Charles Halle's Concert.

Assembly Room. Herr Dobler.

Gaiety.-Variety Entertainment.

The Folly.- Variety Entertainment.

Keith's Circus, Quay Street. Saturday.

Cooke's Circus, Chepstow Street.—Zulu War. Belie Vue.—Zoological Gardens. The Afghan War.

Royal Institution.—Exhibition of Paintings.

Sunday Afternoon.—Free Exhibition.

Agnew's Exhibition of Water-Colour Drawings.

CAWS OF THE WEEK.

HOUTING, yelling, hooting, and drinking, were the elements of the Conservative demonstration, which would not hear even their vaunted orators speak, but compelled them to retire from the platform half-choked with the clouds of tobacco smoke, and half-deafened by the zealous shouts of their friends. On the contrary, the Liberal meeting, notwithstanding its superior numerical strength, was, perhaps, the most orderly gathering ever seen in the annals of political agitation. And yet the Liberals are taunted by their opponents as wanting organisation!

One word to the "hoary-headed politicians" of twenty summers whose shouts tended so much to disturb the demonstration of the 18th, and whose arms are tossed about with the vigour of a child's toy harlequin when the string is pulled—all your youthful shouts, all your war songs, all your billiards and whist, had beer and cheap cigars at the Conservative Club, will not put one vote into the great ballot box of 1880, which will decide the fate of an incapable Government, and make Toryism a thing of the nast.

The iron trade is looking up. Is it in consequence of the number of swords and Victoria crosses which are so freely distributed just now? Of course soldiers are not allowed to vote, but they have friends and relations who can vote, you know.

THERE are many kinds of good news, but Lord Salisbury's "glad tidings of great joy" at the prospect of a general European war, which would turn the whole Christian continent into nothing less than a shamble, is one of those pieces of "good news" which we confess we cannot understand.

Ms. Brieht's speech was a splendid oration, and we can quite understand the annoyance felt by some parties at the "jugglery," "thimble rigging," "criminals," &c. But what other words could the speaker use? there are none other in the dictionary which so well fit the occasion. If they don't like them, they shouldn't deserve them.

THE coal trade is not flourishing. We know of one large coal merchant in Great Clowes Street, who has a considerable number of second-hand coal carts to dispose of cheap.

It is said that a well-known fruiterer and knight of the gun, not far from Victoria Street, is a capital hand at giving a joke, but a poor hand at taking one—perhaps this is a "hoax."

From a programme which came to hand two days ago, we conclude that the opening performance of the season was given by the Atheneum Dramatic Society, on the evening of Thursday, the 23rd instant. No doubt the entertainment was a most enjoyable one, and we should have been glad to express our candid opinion had the customary courtesies been extended to us. It would be unpardonable on our part to refer to matters about which we are quite in the dark.

Here Dobler is again in Manchester. His amusing deceptions, so beautifully practised, need only to be witnessed. "Old and Young," as he practises, are lessons easily learned, and wise men might practise upon them.

It is suggested that one reason why so many marriages turn out unhappily is because the bridegroom is never the "best man" at the wedding.

THE TREES IN OPEN PLACES.

HE Council on Wednesday passed a resolution turning the care of the trees in open places into the hands of the Parks Committee. This resolution is a consequence of the information that the trees in Plymouth Grove are dying. Would that the committee would now take up the question of playgrounds planted with trees, which we adverted to some weeks ago. In Liverpool this matter is being gone into with earnest, and the example of London is beyond all praise. Who can approach this murky city, from east, west, north, or south, without feeling the depression arising from a leaden atmosphere, and now that the churchyards are disused, and that labour is cheap, why not create half a dozen places like Ardwick Green at once? The cost would be very trifling, and the gain considerable, as well for the appearance of the town as for the health of the inhabitants. However, the trees in Plymouth Grove have now become sickly-why should there not be as much attention to the sickly human beings who are dying for want of the fresh air and pleasant associations to be had from trees? This improvement is more important than any now before the Council, and as yet there does not appear a single champion of the cause. Do the Councillors dislike trees, or do they think children and young people indifferent to them? Whatever the cause, the fact remains that for beauty, for usefulness, trees cannot be excelled, and the men or the committee who succeed in placing them in every open space in the city will become the benefactors of their race.

THE SALVATION ARMY AGAIN.

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APTAIN MAYCOCK, the Salvation Army leader, has been released from Warwick Gaól, where he was incarcerated by the Leanington magistrates in default of paying two guineas. On Sunday afternoon, at the general meeting, Mrs. Maycock said it had been divinely revealed that her husband was not receiving medical treatment, and was sinking under prison hardships. Afraid to find her forebodings verified; she paid the fine, believing he would have died on Monday. These enthusats are most profane in the free-and-easy manner of their assumed knowledge of heavenly things, but it is probable their very eccentricity benefits a class not open to other appeals.

A RETROSPECT-1854-1879.

F all the happy people present at the huge Liberal demonstration at Pomona Gardens, it is to be feared the hero of the hour, the Rt. Hon. John Bright, must have been the least happy. Not led away by the enthusiasm of crowds, the philosophic orator probably recollected with pain, that twenty-five years ago this same people, in many cases, and their fathers, hailed his name with every mark of contempt, and even insulted him in the streets. We do not call attention to these facts, for they are facts, as the writer was witness, for the purposes of discussion, but in order to enforce the duty and wisdom of weighing political questions in the mind with a calmness proportionate to their high importance, and with the religious observance of a rule—that of deciding according to the dictates of an enlightened conscience, which we venture to assert will be an unfailing guide to a solid conclusion. But the conscience must be the handmaid of a carefully tutored mind, and then we are satisfied no man will ever go astray, and have to lament that at one time he sent his son, and his neighbour's son, on a wicked and foolish errand to slay the sons of a people whom he never saw, and with whom he had no cause of complaint. Twenty-five years ago, the oppressions of the Turk had goaded the Russians into a rage, and the Emperor Nicholas had determined to punish them for their tyrannical conduct. No man in England denied the tyranny of the Turk. No man denied that punishment was richly deserved, and that the sufferers by Turkish misrule were the kith and kin of the Russians across the Balkans. Yet the fact that these tyrants lived in a city on our way to India, was deemed sufficient by Englishmen to go into a war which cost England alone fifty millions of treasure, and the belligerents three hundred thousand lives. It must not be supposed that England did not contain men who foresaw the inutility of even a successful war in defence of the Turk. Besides the Society of Friends, there was a vast quantity of men who argued in this wise: the Turk is a stranger, who once conquered Constantinople, and has done wickedly ever since. He oppresses every foreigner within his power, and is very unlikely to be affected by Western civilisation for hundreds of years. He buys but little from us, and sells but little to us, and yet he rules over decidedly the fairest lands in all the earth. The Russian is also a stranger. He is also a rough and powerful stranger. He buys largely from us, and sells largely to us. He wants to still further trade with us, for in him is all the instincts of a civilised man, though he is half a savage yet. If not prevented he will conquer Constantinople, and what then? Having command of the fairest land in the world, the people of Europe will get all the benefits of his conquest, because he has now all he needs of creature comforts, and has gone upon this expedition simply because the people of his own blood and faith are oppressed, and stretching forth their hands for help. This story was not denied by the war party in this country, but then, there were no Board Schools, and the mass of the people of this country were made to believe that did the Russians possess Constantinople they would be able to stop all intercourse with India at any moment, and would do so; themselves afterwards seizing India for their possession. Englishmen, generally, did not know that English ships never went near Constantinople, but were hundreds of miles away from that city when making the Indian voyage. Englishmen were also ignorant of the fact that not only is India, but all the other British colonies, at the mercy of any foreign nation with a huge army and a fleet able to beat the English fleet. But, they also forgot, that no military power solely, could hold a city on the sea coast, against a powerful fleet, if its owners had not had time to fortify it after the fashion of Gibraltar. Consequently, to England, it was not a matter of any importance who held Constantinople, if they will only buy and sell with Englishmen. This position of affairs was true in 1854; it is true now. Yet Admiral Hornby was sent with a powerful fleet up the Dardanelles two years ago, doubtless with sealed orders that if the Russians took possession of that city, he must reduce it to a heap of rains; which he certainly could have done in half a day. Not one human being, not one living thing, could live under the horrible hail of shot and shell possible to be belched forth from the iron jaws of the "Achilles," the "Hercules," and the rest of the fleet. It was the fear of this horrible catastrophe that kept back the Russians from the city of the Sultans, where every form of debauchery, short of drunkenness, is both legalised and fashionable. One by one, every item of the Treaty of 1856, save the rebuilding of Sebastopol, has been given up by the signatories of that treaty, and this brings us to consider the character of the men who led the heart of England in 1854. We have not space to trace the matter as it deserves to be traced, suffice it to say, that the voices of the men who had saved the lives of the people by getting cheap bread, cried aloud in

the cities and in the towns, praying that the people would save human lives by keeping the peace. They showed, in language of scraphic beauty, that the object of the war was unworthy a Christian people, and if successful, would injure themselves. The war party were led by the British Ambassador to the Turk, who openly agreed with the demands of the Russians, and secretly advised the Turk to resist those demands. Backed by the influence of England, the Turk went into war, was supported by England, and also supported by the Emperor of the French, who desired to associate his name with an ancient monarchy like the English. The leaders of the Liberal party in Manchester held a caucus meeting at the house of Mr. Absalom Watkin, who, like the Israelitish rebel, rebelled against his political father. He invited Mr. Bright to attend, in order that his views might be modified, and the seat for Manchester saved. The right honourable gentleman declined to attend, and wrote that he might lose his seat, but he could not for that cause alter his decision. Then followed that wholesale turning about of all the little men who fancied themselves the arbiters of the nation's destiny. These were the Potters, and the Turners, and the Watkins, and the Toms, Dicks, and Harrys who thought themselves statesmen. The best that can be said of the best of them is, that they were the sons of their fathers. They sleep in the graveyard, and the world has never missed them. But, would Manchester have rejected the great apostle of peace but for them? Had Manchester its foot upon the neck of English politics at that time? We think it had. It has often been so; it is so now. What will Manchester do? If the people are wise, the England of to-morrow will undo the mischief of 1874. and the war party will be driven from office, probably for another forty years. The Manchester Courier has this week surpassed itself. Though rarely for five years known to print a leading article without some scurrilous reference to Mr. Gladstone, this week it is Mr. Bright who is the object of its wrath. He has been styled the "hoary-headed professor of foul language." Consider the state of mind of the writer of that distribe. A writer who complains of forcible language, may naturally be expected to be mildness itself. Judge, then, our surprise that Mr. Bright should be assailed with epithets as "foul" as ever fell from the lips of a dragoon. It is clear that exalted position, private worth, and public services are not sufficient to shield the leaders of Liberal opinion from the "foul" language of this Tory journalist. The Courier is, happily, a journal of no public weight, and is even tabooed in the homes of many of our local gentry, even of Conservative politics, and its vulgarity this week has been akin to perfection in the American art of journalistic rowdyism. Thus does history in some measure repeat itself In 1854 it was the mob. led by the bad example of recalcitrant Liberals, who threw the mud at Mr. Bright, this time it is the recognized organ of the Tory party, enraged by the fear of a political eclipse, who thus emulates the Dunciad fame of the Grub Street scribblers. They have and will slike succeed to nothing but the contempt of good men.

LANCASHIRE AND BRIGHT.

END out three cheers for Lancashire and Bright,
Again united for the coming fight;
Let not the sophisms of a callous race—
Whose thirst is power, their sole ambition, place—
Defer the hour which breaks a nation's trance,
And curbs blood guiltiness and arrogance.

Three ringing cheers for Lancashire and Bright, And close your ranks to battle for the right; Let grim destruction harmless sheathe her sword, And Peace be once again a people's word: Let the red brand of war be cast away, And confidence resume her healthful sway.

Again three cheers for Lancashire and Bright, And may they o'er the realm shed glorious light; Ere stalking famine shall bestride the land, Let those, who once held back her deadly hand, Again in saving influence reign supreme, And make past troubles but a hideous dream.

Yet three cheers more for Lancashire and Bright, Who, in remembrance of their former might, Shall cause to echo, like the thunder's roll, "Peace and good-will to men" from pole to pole, That history may, till lost in endless night, Couple with Lancashire the name of Bright!

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FUGITIVE LITERATURE.

E shall endeavour, from time to time, to give some account of the literature which appears largely to fall still-born from the press, or at most to acquire only a very ephemeral existence. We may, also, in this column, properly notice pamphlet and periodical literature which only seeks to serve the purposes of the hour, and then to pass away. From the batch before us, first in importance, and of more than passing interest, are the last two issues of the Food and Health Leaves, a weekly publication devoted to an explanation of the soundest and most practical information, for the middle and working classes, of what food to purchase, and how to cook it with economy and efficiency. The journal is conducted by Mrs. Amelia Lewis, the inventor of the Reformer Cooking Stove, and we cannot speak too highly of the contents of the publication. A list of cheap and highly-important foods, suitable alike to the poor man and the hungry man, is found in one of them, whilst a series of papers upon the practical questions of the kitchen are regularly appearing. One of the numbers contains a singular " Ode to a Turnip," quoted from Ben Brierley's Journal.

The second pamphlet here is entitled "The Roll Call," being a brief résumé of the history of England for the last hundred years. A list of notable Acts of Parliament, and the wars of this country from 1775 to 1875, is a mute monitor of the danger Englishmen are in of running into war from our very immunity from its most terrible consequences, with which we, as a people, are almost unacquainted. As a ready reference upon many questions now the subject of debate, the little pamphlet is of some importance.

"Pat O'Connor's Schooldays," "Our Girls," and the "Boy Soldier," are proper specimens of the class of publications which we said fall stillborn from the press, and seldom run above three or four numbers. Occasionally, however, a better fate befalls them, and they linger out an existence to the end of the book. "Our Girls" tells the story of a handsome young lady being captivated by a dashing young gentleman, who speedily tires of his conquest, and as quickly deserts her, to lay siege to the heart of another young lady. Belle No. 1 then weeps and grows wise, talks philosophy to a friend who could never obtain a moment's attention whilst her beau was faithful and attentive, but now has time and patience to talk to anybody, and would not be revenged if she could-and plenty more of the same tune, proving what a brilliant race our girls are. The reader is asked to order the next number from his bookseller. Quite a necessary precaution, we should imagine.

"The Boy Soldier" is a Garibaldian story, which opens with a dance with pretty girls, and finishes the first number with an assault upon the police, and a ghost story, in which Flint got the cold shivers, and felt as if ten thousand devils were surrounding him. "He sank upon his knees, Oh horrible, a headless body lay gory and ghastly in his bod."

Pat O'Connor's Schooldays" is a story of the Shannon side, and tells the story of Pat, who, with forty other Pats, had " a small taste of a bit uv a shillategh, just for a divarsion." Probably the usual elements of an Irish story will form the particulars of the work, and much according to the author's skill in bringing forward incidents, the work will have a chance of life.

"Walter Pelham's Illustrated Journal" is the last of our present stock, and is a very creditable production indeed. It is only one penny per week; looks much like the Dramatic News, at 6d., and is beautifully illustrated. It is devoted to music and the stage, principally, and we should think will command success.

CHARLIE KEITH.

ICTIONARY Walker says:—" Perseverance is a prime quality in every pursuit." This certainly applies to our ubiquitous friend Charlie Keith. After being burnt out at Derby, he turns up again in Manchester, after an absence of a few months, as lively and as fresh as eyer. In the interim he has written a book-"Oh that mine enemy would write a book." But Charlie is a friend, so that makes all the difference. The book which we have now before us he calls "Circus Life and Amusements (equestrian, dramatic, and musical) in all nations," written by Charlie Keith, the roving English clown, embracing his life, travels, and experience of professional and non-professional men. Price The old saw, "A rolling stone gathers no moss," will not one shilling. fit our old friend Charlie, who has gained a very large amount of experience by his "rolling," and we hope a fall "treasury." We shall take an early opportunity of again referring to his book, " Circus Life."

THE COMPANY AT CHEAP PENSIONS.

[FROM "TRUTH."]

HE women abound. They are of all kinds, and the types never seem to come to an end. There are written. to come to an end. There are pretty Jonahs ready to make that leap into unknown waters with the first masculine possibility that comes floating by; young wives, alone, with odd stories of Indian heats and London fogs to justify the temporary marital separation which they bewail so much, and to account for the fact of their wandering through the cities of Europe at such extremely loose ends. There is the inevitable American girl without a chaperon, and with as much aplomb as her grandmother might have; and the inevitable widow with her daughter, whom she either spoils and makes more conspicuous than charming, or else, when well into the thirties, treats as a child not out of leading-strings. There are old maids of all sorts; the bad-tempered and the genial, the gossiping and the reticent, the starched and the loose-lipped. There is sure to be one woman who does not go to church, and will not join in the Sunday Evening Ancient and Modern, and who, they say, holds awful opinions-quite too shocking altogether; and there are sometimes bright, clever, and charming girls, who take long walks, and botanise or sketch, and who have plenty of go and fun in them but no fastness and no folly. There are French women of low origin who eat like savages; and German old women who never seem to be better than servants even when they are called baroness and well born. There is the prying old woman who lives by asking questions, and who is sure to flud one or two mares' nests in the course of every week; and there is the sexagenarian gourmande whose day is her dinner, and who is never satisfied with the menu. There is the reforming busybody who puts everyone to rights; and the doubtful woman of any age from thirty-five to fifty, who dresses like a girl and talks like a trooper. And sometimes there are really nice people, like ordinary gentlefolks, such as one meets in well-bred society, and who are neither doubtful nor disagreeable.

MESSRS. AGNEW'S EXHIBITION.

MESSRS. THOS. AGNEW & SONS' eleventh exhibition of highclass water-colour drawings is now open, and will well repay a visit. As a splendid and varied collection we have never seen its superior, and when we mention the fact that such artists as J. W. M. Turner, R.A.; Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A.; J. Constable, R.A.; Copley Fielding; P. F. Poole, R.A.; Alma Tadena; G. Cuttermole; F. Walker, A.R.A.; Birket Foster; Sam Bough, R.S.A.; David Cox; J. C. Hodgson, A.R.A.; Mrs. Allingham; A. Macallum; E. J. Duval; Guido Bach, and numerous others are well and freely represented, we need say no more of the quality of the exhibition. A magnificent view of Lancaster, by P. de Wint, forms the nucleus of the exhibition as far as the wall space is concerned, whilst others well deserving the attention of the visitor will be found in Nos. 50, "The Nile at Thebus;" and 80, "On the Danube," both from the pencil of A. Macallum; 51, "The Armoury;" and 127, "Life in Flanders, A.D. 1620," by Louis Haghe; 75, "The Convent Raven," by H. S. Marks, B.A.; 78, "Cloudland and Moor," P. Graham, A.R.A.; 79, "The Prisoners of Gisors," E. H. Wehnert; 85, "Mountain Sheep," T. S. Cooper, R.A.; 192, "Illustration to Gray's Elligy," by J. Constable, R.A.; 162, "Auld Robin Gray," T. Faed, R.A.; and 168, "Dorothes," P. F. Poole, R.A.; David Cox is represented nine times, several interesting sketches being taken in that El Dorado of artists, Bettws-y-Coed; Sam Bough's contributions to the catalogue being eight in number, E. J. Duval's six, and Birket Foster four. On a screen in the centre of the room are seven small water-colour drawings by the late J. W. M. Turner, R.A., eight of Copley Fielding's, about the same number by F. Walker, A.R.A., and four each by J. E. Hodgson, A.R.A., and Mrs. Allingham. The whole is a fine collection of every class of subject, and we advise all lovers and students of water-colour drawings to pay a visit to the Exchange Street Galleries.

Women like to have husbands named William, for then they can always have a will of their own.

A Young Cynic.-This story is told of a seven-year-old cynic at a juvenile party. He kept aloof from the rest of the company, and the lady of the house called to him, saying, "Come and play and dance, my dear. Choose one of those pretty girls for your wife."-" Not likely," cried the young cynic. "No wife for me. Do you think I want to be worried out of my life like poor papa ?"

A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE!

THE Illustrated London Almanack for 1880 gives the following rather startling facts ament the Liberal and Conservative Finance, compiled from returns issued by the National Debt Commissioners:

Mr. Gladstone's five years :-

 Net reduction of National Debt.
 £29,196,919

 Net remission of Taxes
 12,451,298

 Total relief
 £38,648,217

Lord Benconsfield's five years :-

Net reduction of National Debt.	£1,204,455
Net increase of Taxes	1,378,900
Total increase	£174,495

Of course no notice is taken of the large amount of unfunded debt created by Lord Beaconsfield's Government. Brave John Bull! rattle thy chains, and cry Lord Beaconsfield and old England for ever!

BARTON BURIAL BOARD: EXTRAORDINARY SCENES.

[BY AN ECCLES CAKE.]

Says Bobby Burns :-

"Oh! wad some power the giftie gie us, To see ourselves as ithers see us, It wad fro' mony a blunder free us, and foolish notion."

DOUBT not that had the Poet of the Plough been at the monthly meeting of the Burial Board last week, he would have exclaimed, "O, my prophetic soul," to find that the satire in the lines quoted above should be so forcibly illustrated. On the motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Bradburn was elected chairman until March, 1880, vice Mr. Parr, deceased.

Scene I .- THE MURPHYS.

Mr. M. desired to ask Mr. F—r—th, the Registrar, whether he had engaged two men, named Murphy, where they had come from, and whether there was not a sufficient number of men in the neighbourhood without fetching these Murphys?

Mr. F-R-TH: I have engaged the two men. Have you ought to say against it? [Bristles up considerably, and seems inclined for war.]

Mr. M. (rather gruffly): Where have you fetched them from?

Mr. F-R-TH: I think Mr. Mather should have given me notice of these questions. [Begins to whimper.]

The Chairman (blandly): I think you may answer the questions. [Mr. Frith smiles at Mr. M. with a view of restoring that gentleman to his wonted good humour.]

Mr. F.-R.-TH: None but harvest-men have applied for work to me. These Murphys—although Irish—are good and true men.

The CLERK was of opinion that Mr. Frith, having the control of the cemetery, ought to have the liberty to engage whom he thought proper.

Mr. M. (addressing his dear friend the Clerk): You have no right to interfere, so please shut up, or I'll— [Breaks off rather abruptly.]

The CLERK said he thought it his duty to interfere when he liked, as he was under the impression that the Board couldn't get on without him!

[Murmur of dissention, and "Question" from a few cavilling spirits who had the audacity to doubt the august Clerk's assertion of superiority.]

The CHAIRMAN admitted that they must sometimes look to the Clerk for a little information.

The discussion came to a close by the Registrar being told that he in future must only employ three men and a boy during the winter months to work at the cemetery.

Scene II .- MATHER AND SPARY TO THE FORE,

Mr. M. then rose to propose that-

"The late superintendent or present registrar, Mr. Frith, be compelled to furnish a statement showing the dates and number of men employed in the construction of the surface drains of the cemetery; also an account of money paid for same, piece-work included."

Mr. Mather then read his speech from a number of foolscap sheets, when

Mr. Spany said excitedly: Are we to listen to an essay, a speech, or what? I pause for a reply.

Mr. M. said Mr. S. does his business in his own way, and he intended to do his as he thought proper.

The CHAIRMAN (glancing uneasily at his gold repeater, which allently told him that his tea was awaiting him): What you are reading now we have read before.

Mr. M. (striking the table in a manner which threatened destruction to that often ill-used object of the housekeeper): If I cannot do it in my own way—I'm not going to be howled down in this manner—I have my remarks written down, what I intend to say, and if you do not wish to hear them, I shall publish them.

The CHAIRMAN (in an unhappy tone of voice): I do not dispute your right to publish them, but if you use threats I'll-

Mr. M.: You'll what? you— [But here utterance appeared to choke him, for he dropped in an apopletic manner in his chair.]

Mr. Spany: It is unparliamentary for any member to write down his speech, and then get up and read it.

Mr. M. (rather slowly): Is Mr. S. the legal adviser of this 'ere Board?

Mr. S.: I am appealing to the chair on a point of order.

Mr. M. (suddenly jumping upon his feet, to the evident consternation
of a few old members who stood near): Never mind what you are
appealing to, you sit down. Let the Chairman—

Mr. S.: When either you or any one else reads an essay I shall always object.

Mr. Mather proceeded to read his speech even when Mr. Burton moved that Mr. Cowell should take the chair on highway business, until the whole of the members rising en masse, adjourned to the Clerk's room—leaving the triumphant Mr. Mather sole "monarch of all he surveyed."

MUNICIPAL RACES.

THE GREAT ST. MICHAEL STAKES.

HIS, by far the most important event of the meeting, has caused an unusual amount of interest and speculation during the past week, and heavy wagering has taken place, drinks, cigars, and even new hats having been freely risked on the event, the two candidates being both reported as going in great form. The old horse, Soapy, who has thrice been credited with this prize on previous occasions, is again opposed by Blue Richard, who ran him such a tremendous race three years ago. Soapy's qualities as a thorough stayer are so well known that it would be an utter waste of time to descant upon them. He is going well, and in his preliminary gallops, led by his stable companions The Alderman and Old Ab, his magnificent action is so apparent that we are tempted to say that he has lost none of his old suppleness of action, but will strip for the fray as well as ever. A considerable amount of interest was created last week by a rumour that the filly by School Board, out of Woman's Rights, was coming down to make running for Soapy, but after a trial gallop the filly was withdrawn, as the course proved entirely unsuitable to her pace. Blue Richard is a promising colt by Tory, out of Bennett Street, and has never yet been bracketed with a win, but he showed such great promise in his previous essay that his party have determined to give him another chance. The running will be made for him by his stable companions Pawnbroker, The Doctor, Hookey, and Engineer, and the Franklin Lodge and Collyhurst parties are very jubilant as to his ultimate success, whilst on the other hand the party at the Meadows are equally sanguine of the success of Soapy. A great deal of finessing has already taken place, and Blue Richard's stable have attempted to increase the handicap weight of Soapy by placing upon his shoulders many hundreds of pounds, in the shape of "Startling Facts," but as that kind of dodge is now getting too well known in racing circles, the attempt will, no doubt, be taken for what it is worth. An exciting finish may, however, be expected, and we advise our readers who wish to speculate on the event to back the pair coupled, and thereby make sure of the winner. We don't want any commission for the "tip."

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MR. MACLURE AND HIS ESTIMATE.

THE interesting letters of Mr. J. W. Maclure which have appeared in our daily papers, without mentioning their strict regard for veracity, will no doubt go far towards easing that pugnacious gentleman's mind and cooling his heated imagination. Perhaps before he again ventures into print on the subject of the enormous number of people whom he persists in saying were present at the grand Conservative demonstration, on the 18th instant, he will allow himself so far to be advised as to get some friend whom he can trust to carefully measure the floor of the Pomona Palace and afterwards the space of ground outside the building which contained his boasted gathering. If he will turn that measurement into square yards, and place six persons upon every square yard (and surely the most senseless Jingo screecher who ever stood on a platform will not think of putting more than aix adults upon a square yard), he will find that the whole of the ground, even supposing the whole of it to be packed full, which was not the case, will not hold one-half the number which Mr. Maclure's lively imagination has compressed therein. estimate given by Mr. Phillips of the company last Saturday, and which included the gathering in the Agricultural Hall, which on the preceding occasion was not used, was 70,000, or considerably less than one-half of Mr. Maclure's sum total; yet even the judgment of the proprietor of the gardens estimates the Liberal gathering at 10,000 in excess of its predecessor. In the face of these facts we can only come to the conclusion that either everybody else but Mr. Maclure is wrong, or that Mr. Maclure has acquired the faculty of seeing double!

WHO'LL BID?

HO'LL bid for the wreath and casket, Rejected, despised, forlorn. Who'll bid? we are loath to ask it; We shrink from Liberal scorn.

> They laughed at our endeavours And laughing, they prophesied 'Twould be held as light as feathers, As lightly 'twould be denied.

Who'll bid? for our hearts are heavy, Would that our purses were so, Then to the noble Salisbury Should both wreath and casket go.

Peradventure he'd refuse it As his English master did. So we'll have to sell or lose it. Who will bid? who'll bid? who'll bid?

A golden case with carven lid, A wreath without a thorn—who'll bid?
Fair leaves, like brightest sunbeams hid
In fairy dwelling. Now who'll bid?

Will no one man with noble heart And lofty aspiration,
Say a cool hundred for a start? Twould elevate the station

Of goldsmith, scribe, tenpenny clerk To roam about the nation, Exhibiting it for a lark Or small remuneration.

(Echo) Who'll bid?

J. E. R.

A TROUBLESOME TENANT.

-, of Patrieroft, is a rent collector, and this is how he got without a troublesome tenant, who wouldn't "lave the house nayther for him nor his'n." Watching his time he slipped quietly into the house, and blandly asked the tenant if she would go for a quart of beer. She readily complied, and no sooner did she leave the house than the rent collector, giving the gaping children a halfpenny each to go and buy toffy, he soon had the house to himself. Hastily locking and barring the backdoor, he securely fastened the frontdoor, and when the tenant arrived she found that she had been thoroughly outwitted. Suffice it to say that she managed to "raise the wind," and paid the rent to the

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[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CITY JACKDAW."]

MR. JAK'DAW.

" Born a goddess, Dulness never dies."

NGLO-SAXON" in your issue of the 24th October, complains of the word ANA (a-nah, up, thro', among,) being used for Collections, Miscellanies, &c., and suggests "Selections" be used instead; a compound word of Latin origin (se, from, and lego, to pick) of ten letters, instead of a Greek one of three, which has been Anglicised for the last two centuries; and as a proof of his A. S. mania uses such words as typo, ad lib, in addition; but then, "Gentle dullness ever loves a joke."

It is very kind of A. S. when he first finds out the meaning of so old a word, to explain it to those of your readers who may not be so great a Pansophist as himself, but ungrateful in not being thankful when taught something new; if he be above re-reading " the thoughts of the mighty ones," others without his advantages may be grateful. There can be no desire "to palm off as original," such extracts, as in every instance the author or work is given under Ana, and this A. S. knows, but he, in the true Tory style, "Dullness being sacred in a sound Tory;" instead of asking in a straightforward liberal manner who the author was of "A Royal Query" and "Par Nobile fratrum," of 26 September, whiffles at poor Ana instead; for his information I may state that these epigrams are original. It would likewise appear that A. S. is so chuck-full of Notes himself, that he is quite Staff-a-crampt when anyone asks a query and wishes them to hold their acslaver; would not A. S. be better employed in answering some of the Queries if only in pity, than carping at the "barn door fowl," for it is not all that are "sure to hate most the men from whom they learn'd." Surely A. S. must have been laboring under an over-dose of "Flapdoodle," when he avers that he prefers the lisping sibilant "Selections" to the all-embracing, loud-sounding, sonorous,

CURIOUS EPITAPHS.

HERE is the answer to Bishop Heber's epitaph :-

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HERE LIES.

One Fifer.

Nought for one to wait Nought for one to sigh for. Nought too weighty ate, Nought to fortify for.

CURIOUS EPITAPHS from a churchyard in Great Yarmouth (date, 1769):-

" Here lies doomed

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Killed by

A sky-rocket in the eye."

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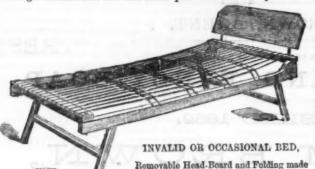
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